



**JOIN US at the FIFTH ANNUAL
FRIENDS of OLD-TIME RADIO
CONVENTION! October 3rd & 4th, 1980**

HOLIDAY INN - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

CONVENTION GUESTS: WALTER B. GIBSON (creator of The Shadow, author of Shadow novels under name "Maxwell Grant", host of Strange on Mutual); ALICE REINHEART (Life Can Be Beautiful); GRACE MATTHEWS (The Shadow); COURT BENSON (Tennessee Jed); RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON ("your host" of Inner Sanctum); ARNOLD MOSS (Against the Storm); LEE ALLMAN (Miss Case of The Green Hornet); JACKSON BECK (narrator of Superman); SYBIL TRENT (Let's Pretend); STEFAN SCHNABEL (Chick Carter); BILL LIPTON (Chick Carter); JOE JULIAN (Bright Horizon); JEAN COLBERT (Mary Southern); BETTY TYLER KARP (Mr. & Mrs. North); RITA LLOYD (Let's Pretend); ARTHUR ANDERSON (Let's Pretend); FRAN CARLON (Big Town); HELENE DUMAS (Jane Arden); GWEN DAVIES (Let's Pretend); Producer-Directors: ART HANNA (Just Plain Bill); IRA ASHLEY (Grand Central Station); IRA AVERY (Armstrong Theater); Sound Effects: BOB PRESCOTT, SR., with sons BOB, JR. and PETE; ROSA RIO (Organist on countless shows)

Convention opens FRIDAY NIGHT at 6:30PM with cocktail hour, buffet, and radio related movies and such....and of course the usual OTR banter with guests who are staying over and fans.

The convention continues on Saturday morning at 9:00AM with dealers room of over 30 tables (9-2:30) and Movies (9-5). Radio memorabilia can be purchased, traded, or just admired.

OTHER FINE EVENTS: Sound Effects and Acting Workshops (fans get to act in a radio show); Teaching Workshop; Trivia Contest (with PRIZES!); Music in radio with author Tom DeLong; a special presentation on AL JOLSON by Stan Gerloff president of the Al Jolson International Society with a film on Jolie's career; RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON will tell us another SCARY STORY; panel discussion with guests; a live radio show.

EVENING EVENTS: Cocktail Hour (meet and mingle with guests and fans; entertainment); Buffet Dinner; Two live radio shows by our guests; presentation of collecting's Allen Rockford Award; awards to our guests.

Tickets: Friday night: \$10 per person (includes dinner).
Saturday, all day: \$18 adults, \$16 children under 16 and senior citizens
Saturday afternoon only: \$5 adults, \$3 children under 16 and senior citizens
NOTE: Tickets paid in advance are held at the door

How to get there: By car, about an hour from New York City, off I-95, Exit 27, Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT; by train, take New Haven line from Grand Central Station in New York City to Bridgeport--hotel is about five blocks from station; from airports (LaGuardia and Kennedy) take Connecticut Limousine which leaves every hour to Bridgeport Holiday Inn (at last report this service was \$18 per person, may change by convention time).

RESERVE NOW! Send checks to JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, CT 06477 (203)795-6261 or 795-3748

If you require a hotel reservation, mention when writing to Jay---he will send hotel reservation card to you. This card must be returned to the hotel with a \$25 deposit. Cost of rooms are \$37 single, \$41 double per night. Reservations must be made with the hotel on or before September 17, 1980. Reservations made after that date are not guaranteed to be part of the special block of rooms set aside for convention attendees, but will have to be placed with other hotel guests if rooms are available.

DEALERS! Tables are free. Reserve now. Limited number still available.

Jay Hickerson and Joseph Webb, Co-Chairmen
This convention is not for profit.

CONVENTION UPDATE #5: Please send in your vote for the Allen Rockford Award...Other guests tentatively coming are Bob Dixon and Vicki Vola...As of July 28th 85 people are coming for Saturday and 34 for Friday. 23 tables are reserved...The following guests cannot come but they send their best: Hal Peary, Bob Dryden, Art Carney, Henry Morgan, Guy Repp, Lanny Ross, Bill Owen, Larry Haines, Toni Darnay, Julie Stevens, Mason Adams, Hi Brown, Fred Foy, Ed Herlihy, Charlotte Manson, Joan Banks Lovejoy.

A PERSONAL NOTE: HA is going out a little earlier this month. I will be away from Aug 10-17th...THE WORLD ALMANAC BOOK OF BUFFS, MASTERS, MAVENS AND UNCOMMON EXPERTS, edited by Henry Doering was just released by World Almanac Publications, 200 Park Ave, NYC, NY 10166. \$6.95. It contains an article on old-time radio by me. I was interviewed by Henry Doering last year and was glad to see the article in the book. There are over 200 different hobbies and unusual activities written about in the 340-page paperback. I well recommend it. My address is given in the article so as people write for information, I will send a list of all pubs and clubs so all will benefit. ...Who operates GOLDEN MOMENTS OF RADIO, Box 713, Ontario, Cal... Mel Shlank wrote four articles for HA in 1972 called TAPE TIPS. They are about crosstalk, noise reduction, taping from your tuner and your FM antenna. If you want a copy of this 4-page booklet please send me 50¢ and a SASE...Just went to the BIG BROADCAST OF 1944. Excellent entertainment. Unfortunately the show is closing after this week (Aug 2). I socialized with the performers afterwards and had brief conversations with Harry James, Dennis Day, Carmen Cavallaro, Fran Warren, Warren Covington, the current Pied Pipers, Hildegarde, Don Wilson and Gordon MacCrea. Larry Kiner is putting together an album of Hildegarde's RALEIGH ROOM and she wants more of her shows, especially with Tallulah Bankhead. If you can help write Hildegarde, 230 E 48th St, NYC, NY 10017. Gordon MacCrea hopes to syndicate THE RAILROAD HOUR. He has 299 shows which he believes is all of them. Some are not in too good shape. If you can help him write Gordon at Box 706, People Beach, Cal 93953.

IN FOND MEMORY: Dore Schary, Jul 6, 74; writer, producer, director...Reginald Gardiner, Jul 7, 77; English character actor...Gail Patrick, Jul 6, 69; actress, tv producer...Herbie Faye, Jun 28, 81; char. actor (Doc; Love thy Neighbor; Phil Silvers)...Jim Doyle, Jul 1, 70; radio announcer...Dorothy Crider, Jul 3, 62; actress...Peggy Jordan, Jul 11, 57; stage, screen, tv, radio actress (WOMEN IN WHITE: JUNIOR MISS)...Vinicius De Moraes, Jul 9, 66; co-composer of "Girl from Ipanema"...Don Nicholl, Jul 5, 54; writer/tv producer...Virginia Faire, Jun 30, 75; silent screen actress...Eddie Jackson, Jul 15, 84; partner of Jimmy Durante...Ben Selvin, Jul 15, 82; veteran band-leader who, under many different names, recorded more songs than anyone else, about 3000. Best known was "Dardanella"...Donald (Red) Barry, Jul 17, 69; actor; played Red Ryder in serials...Joseph Krumgold, Jul 10, 72; screenwriter and children's books author...Leon "Barney" Bigard, Jun 27, 74; jazz clarinetist.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Jun; articles on Gloria Dickson, Minerva Urecal, Les Paul and Mary Ford, Nigel Bruce, Joe DeRita...ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Jul; articles on Our Gal Sunday and Burns and Allen...Big BANDWAGON, Jul; articles on Kay Kyser, Teddy Philips,



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6.00 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Ray Anthony...MILWAUKEE CLUB NEWSLETTER, Jun; article on Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters...RETURN WITH US NOW, Jul; 5th anniversary issue; articles on Lorenzo Jones and the big bands...BIG BROADCAST, Jul-Sep; articles on Bob Nolan and kid soaps...TAPE SQUEAL, Jul; article on Agnes Moorehead.

BOOKS: Soon to be published by Harper & Row, 10 E 53rd St, NYC, NY 10022 (\$12.95) is THE DOOR TO DOOM by John Dickson Carr; ed. by Douglas Green. This book has some of Carr's rarer stories including 6 radio scripts from Suspense.

YOU AND THE LAW: Dr. Marvin Bensman says about selling copies of LP's: People who buy LP's or old radio shows which are copyrighted cannot legally make a copy and either sell or resell, nor make a copy and give away for free the work--unless the recording is used for their own personal use in their home and to keep the record they have purchased from wearing out...In his lengthy letter Marvin mentions several cases involving copyrights...H K Hinkley also wrote in with a similar answer.

HERE AND THERE: Old Friends; Bob Witte, 111 Cross Hwy, Westport, Ct 06880 is looking for long runs of soap operas...Pete Hollis, 1107 Robert Rd, Wilson, NC 27893 wants CBS special BOMB TARGET USA with Arthur Godfrey and others broadcast early 1953. Pete also has been recording the American FM Radio Network/ABC news daily since Jan 1st and wants to trade for similar programming...Lloyd Gunderson, 509 N Clark Av, Kent, Wa 98031 wants any recordings or shows with Paul Robeson...Dave Swift, 38 Dartmouth St, Halifax, Ma 02338 wants to trade big little books or Pep buttons. Also wants ROY ROGERS & TOM MIX shows...Elliott Drake, 93 4th St, Garden City, NY 11530, director of many radio shows, wants an episode of HIGH ADVENTURE called "Interval." He has 27 episodes of JOHN STEELE, ADVENTURER and HIGH ADVENTURE for trade.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Lowell Thomas at 88 is about to launch a new syndicated radio show called THE BEST YEARS...STAR WARS radio series is now scheduled for the 1981 season over NPR. Mark Hamill and Anthony Daniels will recreate their film roles...Don Richardson has returned to THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY as host. It just began its 8th year on the air.

LATE MAIL: Prof Jim Smith, Radio & TV, Dept of Speech and Commun., State Univ. of NY, New Paltz, NY 12561 is doing research on the portrayal of the American Indian on radio and would like info/tapes of shows in which the Indian played a role...More tentative guests to the convention are Arthur Tracy, Ham O'Hara, Frank Parker, Ralph Camargo...Joseph San Clementi Jr still wants SAM SPADE, BICKERSONS, WHISTLER, MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER...NEW ADDRESS: Abraham Schiff, 9821 Sunrise Lakes Blvd Bldg 152 #11D, Sunrise, Fla 33322 (as of Aug 10) ...NEW FRIENDS: Arthur Barlas, 40 Fernald Dr #12, Cambridge, Ma 02138...Gerald Hartle, 1815 Potrero Av, So. El Monte, Cal 91733.

Get your reservations in for the convention
Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs

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FINAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Take Exit 27, Lafayette Blvd, off I-95. Coming toward NY take right fork off exit ramp. Holiday Inn will be on your left. Coming from NY go to light at end of ramp (first cross street). Continue straight to third cross street, Lafayette Blvd., and take left under bridge. Holiday Inn is on the left. Coming south on Rt. 8 take Myrtle Ave. exit. You will see Holiday Inn on left from Rt. 8 just before exit..Contact Stu Weiss if you live in New York City and need a ride or can offer one (212) 948-7872.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Oct 3; East Room. Cash bar and buffet supper (\$10) 6:30 to 12 or later. Video tapes of radio related movies will be shown...Room reservations must be made by Sep 17th with a \$25 deposit. Rooms are \$37/41. Let me know if you want a reservation card or send me \$25 made out to Holiday Inn and I will send it in with the card. Make sure you specify nights staying, single or double, and number of people.

SATURDAY: Oct. 4th

West Room: 9-5 Movies

Bridge-Port Rooms: 9-3 Exhibits and dealers. Come as early as 7 to set up. At 3 all table must be cleared because they will be removed.

4-5 Panel discussion

East Room: Workshops

10:00-10:45 Teaching workshop with Gary Yoggy

10:45-12:15 Sound effects workshop with Bob Prescott and acting workshop

12:15-1:00 Music in Radio with Tom DeLong

1:00-1:45 OTR trivia with Richard King

1:45-2:45 Al Jolson presentation with Stan Gerloff

2:45-3:30 Your Host, Raymond Edward Johnson

3:30-4:00 Live radio show

EVENING

5-7 Cocktail Time.

7-11 Dinner, 2 live radio shows, awards

We would like all special guests to be here by 3:00, especially for the afternoon radio show and panel discussion. We hope many can come much earlier. Several were with us Friday night last year. We would like all the special guests to spread out and eat dinner at different tables so that all of us can sit with you. All dinner tables sit ten people...The bar will be open during and after dinner. ..Two gas stations, open Sundays, are on Park Ave., right around the corner to the right.

All those that registered for dinner will get their tickets at the door.

DISPLAYS: All tables are 6 feet by 3 feet. They are limited. We plan to have about 35.

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